



### Determining Finalists/Tie-Breaker

Previous Rule/Policy: Results from head to head matchups will be used to break ties. If a tie still occurs, or head to head cannot be used, the tabulators will add the actual ranks of the fifteen speakers met in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 by each speaker in the tie. The speaker in the tie whose opponents have the lowest total of ranks will advance. If a tie still occurs, reciprocal fractions of actual ranks will be used.

New Rule: Results from head to head matchups will be used to break ties. If a tie still occurs, or head to head cannot be used, the tabulators will use the **average** opponent rank of the speakers met in Rounds 1, 2, and 3 by each speaker in the tie. The speaker in the tie whose opponents have the lowest average ranks will advance. If a tie still occurs, reciprocal fractions of actual ranks will be used.